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Minister Schedule for August 1
Coordinator: Randy Ulses
Greeters: Gale LaWarre, Marilyn Meyer
Lector 1: Diana Campbell
Lector 2: Alec Reder
Intercessions: Clarissa Irvin
Eucharistic Minister: Kay Brogle
Collection: Denise Ratterman, John Reder

Please contact Br. Tim or the parish office at 535-2719 if you or someone in your family is ill in order to be included in our weekly prayers for the sick. 

"A crumb shared is better than a banquet alone."

Weekday Masses are celebrated at 8am in the chapel, Monday-Friday. You are invited. You can request that a Mass be celebrated for a particular intention.

Peace Prayer of St. Francis
 Lord, make me an instrument of your peace;
 where there is hatred, let me sow love;
 where there is injury, pardon;
 where there is doubt, faith;
 where there is despair, hope;
 where there is darkness, light;
 and where there is sadness, joy.
 Grant that I may not so much need to be consoled as to console;
 to be understood, as to understand,
 to be loved as to love;
 for it is in giving that we receive,
 it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
 and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.



Winner-A-Day Winners: 7/19-7/25
 Kathleen Hosking, Alex Piotrowski, Ron Koehler, Carolyn McMahon, Ginny Summe, Brittany Lucas, Joseph Rosemeyer
 All are \$25 winners! The Winner-A-Day Hopper has lots of room. Have you purchased your tickets yet? If not, call the parish office at 513-535-2719 so your name can be in the hopper for the daily drawing. If your name is drawn, the ticket goes right back in so that you have the possibility of winning again! 

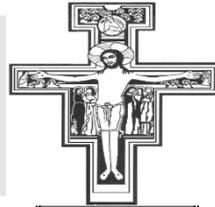
200th Anniversary Books We continue to display these two books on the back table in church: Treasures of the Archdiocese (a pictorial book of many beautiful churches around the Archdiocese) \$30.00; and an Illustrated History of the Archdiocese, for children and folks of all ages \$15.00. Orders will be sent to churches in September. One or both of these might be a good gift at Christmastime to someone who would appreciate a book of this kind.

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A Roman Catholic Community of Faith welcoming *all* people of faith in the Franciscan Tradition since 1859.

Sacraments
Baptism - Infants: Sunday during or immediately following 10am Mass. Expectant parents plan to attend Baptismal Preparation Program.
Baptism - Adults: Usually celebrated at Easter Vigil. Preparation in stages through the year.
Reconciliation - Sundays 9:30am or by appt.
Anointing of the Sick: Schedule by calling the Office before surgery/medical procedure, or in event of serious illness. In event of medical emergency or death, call 513-404-3688.
Matrimony - registered Parishioners should contact the Pastor at least 6 months prior to the anticipated wedding date to begin the process of marriage preparation.

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time



OUR MISSION:
 Saint Francis Seraph is a Catholic faith community. We are called to serve with and among the people of Over-the-Rhine. Our mission is to share the powerful love of Jesus Christ, which changes lives and communities. In the spirit of Saint Francis, we proclaim the Gospel through worship, education and social justice.

A Short History of St Francis Seraph Parish
 Saint Francis Seraph Church is a Roman Catholic parish in the Archdiocese of Cincinnati, established by the Franciscan Friars of the Province of St. John the Baptist. In November 1858, the cornerstone was laid for the present St. Francis Seraph Church, and it was consecrated December 18, 1859, with the School opening the same year. In 2000, the church building underwent a major remodel. The social ministries of the Franciscans continued to develop into the 21st century, maintaining the friars historic commitment to Over-the-Rhine in the area of social service. St. Francis Seraph Parish and School continue the friars' parochial and educational ministry. The Parish, School and Ministries are affiliated in a covenant, which expresses the relationship which they share.

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Sunday Mass
 10:00 a.m.
Weekday Mass
 Mon.– Fri. 8:00 a.m.
Holy Days
 8 a.m. & 5:45 p.m.

Parish Council
 John D. Back
 Nataliya Kravchenko
 Anthony Newby
 John Reder
 Robb Wing

Visit the parish website: sfsparish.org
 for a history of our parish and the latest news
 about our church and school, and parish life.

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Stewardship - Week Ending July 18



Sunday Collection: \$ 964.00
 Mail in Collection: \$1,690.00
 Total: \$2,654.00
 Peter Pence Collection, June 27: \$1,030.00
 Parishioners were really generous with this fund that helps the Pope assist in all kinds of financial emergencies around the world. Thank you to all who contribute on Sunday and to the many faithful who send your offerings during the week. You can donate online at sfsparish.org. We do not pass a collection basket during Mass. Instead, we have a collection urn behind the lectern. The fiscal year 2020-2021 has ended. In the coming weeks we should be able to have a full report on this past year and then soon have a budget for 2021-2022.

Pastor's Corner



On January 31, Pope Francis announced a new celebration in honor of all grandparents and the elderly, who are so important to our communities and our Church. This new World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly will be celebrated every year on the fourth Sunday in July.



The Pope's opening words in his message: *"I am with you always" (Mt. 28:20): this is the promise the Lord made to his disciples before he ascended into heaven. They are the words that he repeats to you today, dear grandfathers and grandmothers, dear elderly friends: "I am with you always" are also the words that I, as Bishop of Rome and an elderly person like yourselves, would like to address to you on this first World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly. The whole Church is close to you—to us—and cares about you, loves you and does not want to leave you alone."*



All of us at St. Francis Seraph want to join Pope Francis in recognizing the grandparents and elders among us. There are aspects in our modern society that place so much value on the young and productive. We sometimes fail to realize just how valuable the wisdom and continuing influence of our elders is.

Fr. Al

Parish Finance Committee will meet on Thursday, August 5. The primary focus will be a review of this past year's report and a look at the budget for 2021-2022. Current members serving on this committee are: Denise Ratterman, Fred Robertshaw, Robb Wing, Carla Sherman and Henry Stacey.

Kroger Rewards Program...St. Francis Seraph School is still participating in the Kroger Rewards Program. You can register online at krogercommunityrewards.com and begin having your rewards benefit our school.

Today's Readings: 2 Kgs 4:42-44
 Eph 4:1-6
 John 6:1-15

Next Sunday: Ex 16:2-4, 12-15
 Eph 4:17, 20-24
 John 6:24-35



Loving, Caring, and Sharing. Preach the Gospel.



My Parish is composed of people like me. I help make it what it is. It will be friendly, if I am. It will be holy, if I am. Its pews will be filled if I help fill them. This we pray.

WELCOME GUESTS!...If you are visiting with us today, we want you to know how welcome you are, whether you have come from another parish here in the Archdiocese, from across the river, or from further reaches. Thank you for praying with us. Feel free to join us as often as you can! If you are new to the parish, parking is available in the school lot and the two lots over on Moore Street. Turn from Liberty to Moore Street at the Shell station and there are two parking lots immediately after the school on the left and right across from the tap room. This is free parking for our parish while Sunday Mass is in session. There is also free parking in the lot at the southwest corner of Liberty and Race. At the kiosk, enter the code 4316. You can park there until 1pm. Help us grow! REGISTER PLEASE! if you are attending St. Francis Seraph regularly and consider us "your parish"-please register yourself and your family. Forms are available on the table in church.



Urgent...Help Wanted and Needed: St. Francis Seraph School is in immediate need of a fulltime custodian. This ad has run in the bulletin now for a few weeks. School will be starting in the next month. Perhaps you know someone who may be interested in this job. This position also provides benefits. For more information, contact the school at 721-7778, or contact Principal Halsey Mabry via email, hmabry@sfsschool.com



Fr. Greg Friedman, OFM, returns for Baptisms...Fr. Greg served as pastor here some years ago. He returns to St. Francis Seraph on Sunday, Aug. 1, to celebrate our 10AM Mass and to baptize two of his cousins' children after Mass. Welcome, Fr. Greg! And welcome to the Faith to the two children.



Picnic on the Plaza #4
 Our every other Sunday event takes place today after Mass. We provide this simple Meal to our neighbors living on the streets or just walking by. Most importantly, we Hope to be building relationships among our parishioners and these neighbors. John Reder is our coordinator and sign-up sheets are in the church so you can Volunteer. You can also reach him at tacticalneuronics@gmail.com.



August will see the Wedding Bells ringing!
 On August 7, parishioners Anthony Newby and Nataliya Kravchenko will be married here at St. Francis Seraph in a small ceremony of mostly family and closest friends. On August 14, parishioners Ian Blair and Kasia Solomianko will be married at St. James Church in Arlington Heights, IL. (This is the home church where Kasia grew up.) On August 21, Molly Remenowsky and Daniel Smith will celebrate their wedding here with Bishop Joe Binzer presiding. **Congratulations and Blessings on these couples!**



Summer Raffle
 The St. Francis Seraph Church and School Annual Summer Appeal Raffle has begun and tickets should have shown up in your mailbox by now or very soon. The raffle continues through the summer, and in celebration of the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi on October 4, the drawing will take place on Sunday, October 3, right after Mass. The Summer Appeal proceeds are earmarked for our church and to assist in providing a great education for the St. Francis Seraph School students. With your help, we will be able to provide our students with tutoring, mentoring and physical activities. If you need tickets, or need more tickets, please call the parish office at 535-2719. Thank you.

